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POINT I

PETITIONERS' ARGUMENTS WERE NOT PRESERVED
IN THE TRIAL COURT

Brimhall's Ex Parte Motion For Enlargement of Time...
admits that these matters were never raised in the trial court.

When the undersigned counsel reviewed the Court's decision in Madsen II, he simply did not recall or realize that Mr. Brimhall was not named as a defendant in Madsen I and did not become a defendant until Madsen II was filed. . . (Id. at p. 2.)

In the trial court, Brimhall's Motion for Summary Judgment casually mentioned, in passing, that Brimhall had not been named as a party in Madsen I. However, Brimhall certainly did not make that an issue in the trial court.

Because that issue was not raised in the trial court, it cannot be argued on appeal. See e.g. Lane v. Messer, 731 P.2d 488 (Utah 1986).

POINT II

MATTERS NOT RAISED DURING THE APPEAL
SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED UPON REHEARING

During the briefing in this court, Brimhall again mentioned, in passing, that he had not been named a party in Madsen I. (Brief of Resp. at p. 2.) However, Brimhall certainly did not make that an issue on appeal.

It seems to be a universal rule that an appellate court will not consider issues on rehearing that were not raised in the original hearing. See e.g. Wernberg v. State, 519 P.2d 801 (Ala. 1974); Imperial County v. McDougal, 564 P.2d 14 (Cal. 1977); State v. Kahua Ranch, Limited, 390 P.2d 737 (Haw. 1964); In re: Shirk's Estate, 401 P.2d 279 (Kan. 1965); Cannon v. Taylor, 493 P.2d 1313 (Nev. 1972); Vanek v. Kirby, 454 P.2d 647 (Ore. 1969).

POINT III

BRIMHALL TOOK AN INCONSISTENT POSITION BEFORE THIS COURT.

On rehearing, Brimhall argues that he was not a party in Madsen I. However, during the briefing on the merits, Brimhall took a contrary position. Brimhall relied, in part, on the doctrine of res judicata. However, res judicata only works if the parties in Madsen I and Madsen II were identical. Thus, Brimhall argued:

Commissioner Borthick was a named defendant in the earlier case, and clearly a state official such as Commissioner Brimhall is a privity with the state, which was also a defendant in Madsen I. [Citation omitted.] The plaintiffs in the two cases are the same. [Emphasis added.]

(Brief of Resp. at p. 19.)

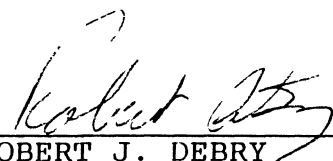
Thus, for purposes of strategy, Brimhall conceded that he was a party in Madsen I. Brimhall should not be permitted to switch theories at this late stag. See Wellsville East Field Irr. Co. v. Lindsay Land & Livestock Co., 143 P.2d 278, 104 Utah 498 (1943).

CONCLUSION

This case is nearly six years old. Literally at the twenty-fourth hour, Brimhall now seeks to switch his position and raise issues for the first time. The Petition for Rehearing should be denied.

DATED this 24 day of February, 1989.

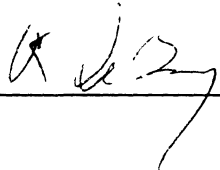
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